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Beaverton Police will be participating in the first of three 3 Flags safety restraint enforcement blitzes from February 9th through the 22nd.

The Three Flags Campaign is an international selective traffic enforcement program and involves hundreds of law enforcement agencies in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Since October of 1993, the campaign has sought to reduce the number of motor vehicle related deaths and injuries by increasing public awareness of law regarding safety belt use and other traffic issues including DUII and speed.

These goals are pursued through active, high visibility law enforcement focusing on three ten-day enforcement blitzes spread out through-out the year. The second blitz will begin in late May and the third in mid September.

Officers conduct local belt use surveys and public education activities during the weeks just prior to and following each blitz.

Since motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer for Oregon's kids, law enforcement professionals are particularly sensitive to those circumstances that increase a young persons chances of becoming a statistic. Authorities recommend the following:

Buckle up everybody in the car, including yourself – kids learn from watching you.

Put kids in the correct car seats for their size.

Always put children under 12 in the back seat, away from air bags.

Don't drink and drive, especially with kids in the car.

Drive safely. Nobody wins with road rage, speeding or reckless driving – least of all your kids.